



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2441
Shigenori TERADA et al. : Docket No. 2001_0900A
Serial No. 09/869,260 : Group Art Unit 1772
Filed June 27, 2001 : Examiner C. Bruenjes
BIODEGRADABLE BAG

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, a petition for a three-month extension of time being submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-2 as follows:

1. (Amended) A biodegradable bag comprising a laminate of a biaxially oriented film of which the major component is a polylactic acid-family polymer, and a film of which the major component is an aliphatic polyester having the structure of the formula (1) and having a crystallizing melting heat ΔH_m (J/g) of $45 \leq \Delta H_m \leq 55$, wherein said biaxially oriented film is biaxially oriented by a successive orienting method in which longitudinal orientation is carried out by a roll method and lateral orientation is carried out by a tenter method, or by a simultaneous biaxially orienting method in which longitudinal and lateral orientations are simultaneously carried out by use of a tenter, said bag being made by heat-sealing said laminates so that said biaxially oriented film of which the major component is a polylactic acid-family polymer will be an outer layer,

